

Service Area Plan

Department of Social Services

Other Child Welfare Services (46904)

Service Area Background Information

Service Area Description

Other Child Welfare Services are those services which for various reasons, such as funding, administrative oversight, and/or target population do not align directly with one of the three major child welfare services activities Foster Care, Child Protective Services, and Adoptions. The major characteristic distinguishing this activity from the CWS activities is that the CSA Trust Fund was created to be state-wide. Its funds a limited number of innovative pilot projects with the preventive goal of maintaining children in their homes in the 11 recipient communities.

Service Area Alignment to Mission

The CSA Trust Fund supports the Virginia Department of Social Services mission through helping children develop strong futures through the provision of services to strengthen the family. The trust fund programs are focused either on community services to youth with emotional and/or behavioral problems or on early intervention services to at-risk children and their families.

Service Area Statutory Authority

§2.2-2648 of the Code of Virginia establishes the State Executive Council as the supervisory council for the CSA, defining its membership, meeting, powers and duties

§2.2-2649 of the Code of Virginia establishes the Office of Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families and defines its powers and duties.

§2.2-5200 of the Code of Virginia defines the intent of the CSA; defined as a law to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families.

Service Area Customer Base

Customer(s)	Served	Potential
Children and families (served unknown; potential unlimited)	0	0

Anticipated Changes In Service Area Customer Base

There are no anticipated changes in the customer base.

Service Area Partners

Local Departments of Social Services

Local Healthy Families units

State agencies

Service Area Products and Services

- Services to promote family stability
- Services to ensure that children have permanent homes

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Service Area Financial Summary

The Other Child Welfare Services program includes funding for the TANF/CSA Early Intervention Trust Fund. These are 100% federal TANF funds.

	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	\$0	\$965,579	\$0	\$965,579
Changes To Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SERVICE AREA TOTAL	\$0	\$965,579	\$0	\$965,579

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Service Area Objectives, Measures, and Strategies

Objective 46904.01

In the pilot localities, to promote safe and stable living situations for children and families to prevent out-of-home placements

Many families and children throughout Virginia experience chronic crisis situations due to incidents of abuse and neglect, mental health and substance abuse problems, and limited material resources. This objective focuses on the efforts of the PSSF program to support the development and maintenance by localities of an array of flexible community-based services to meet the needs of families and children within that locality who come to the attention of the child welfare system.

This Objective Supports the Following Agency Goals:

- Enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of customers
(By providing culturally sensitive and diverse prevention services information to the larger Virginia community, children and families of multiple ethnic origins can become aware of services designed to keep children in their own homes and communities and allow families to receive the assistance and support they need to prevent further abuse, neglect and/or foster care placement. This objective aligns with Long-Term Objective #5 of the Counsel on Virginia's Future, "Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong and resilient families" and Virginia Strategic Plan #1.)

This Objective Has The Following Measure(s):

- **Measure 46904.01.01**

Number of children who received prevention services and then enter foster care will not exceed 5% in the pilot communities.

Measure Type: Output

Measure Frequency: Quarterly

Measure Baseline: New measure, baseline data not available. Baseline will be established using FY06 data.

Measure Target: Specific target will be determined once baseline is established.

Measure Source and Calculation:

Locality Community Needs Assessments (with support from OASIS, Tri-Annual/Year-End reports, PSSF ACCESS database and Locality Automated System for Expenditure Reimbursement (LASER).

Objective 46904.01 Has the Following Strategies:

- Conduct follow up monitoring via telephone calls with localities that do not submit the tri-annual/year-end reports by the due dates.
- Provide training on prevention services statewide and outcome evaluation models.